Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 08203.0005-03

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
John BUTLER et al.) Group Art Unit: 3733
Application No.: 10/635,017)) Examiner: A. Ramana
Filed: August 6, 2003)) Confirmation No.: 7577

Commissioner for Patents

WOUND RETRACTOR

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Sir:

For:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to reply to the Election of Species requirement dated June 23, 2006. Please charge the fee of \$120.00 to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916, grant any further extensions of time required to enter this response, and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: July 28, 2006

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